

BRYAN IN LEAD IN
VERY CLOSE RACE

Thirty-Two Counties Com-
plete and Jacksonville Man
Leads by 298 Votes.

PROBABLY WILL TAKE AN OF-
FICIAL CANVASS BY THE STATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DE-
CIDE THE WINNER IN THE
CLOSEST RACE EVER KNOWN IN
HISTORY OF FLORIDA—COMMIT-
TEE MEETS NEXT WEEK.

Nathan P. Bryan has assumed the
lead over W. A. Blount in the race for
United States senator. This morning
according to figures tabulated by The
Journal, Mr. Bryan has a lead of 298
votes, several counties being reported
during the night which made material
changes in the standing of the two
candidates.

Thirty-two counties are now reported
complete, and several of these are
counties in which Mr. Blount had ma-
jorities. It is probable that it will not
be before the meeting of the state
executive committee next week that the
result of the race is known for
sure. It is the closest and most ex-
citing contest in the history of the
state, and it is believed that when the
final result is known the winner will
not have a majority of more than two
hundred votes.

According to returns received by
The Journal the Holmes county vote is
given as Blount 402 and Bryan 119,
but a Holmes county paper published
yesterday arrived last night giving
entirely different returns. If the fig-
ures of this paper are correct it will
make a difference in favor of Mr.
Bryan of about 250 votes.

SENATORIAL VOTE—1904.

Tallahassee 24,056
Stockton 20,675

Tallahassee's majority

3,381

GUBERNATORIAL VOTE—1904.

Broward 22,979
Davis 22,265

Broward's majority

714

SENATORIAL VOTE—1904.

Fletcher 23,151
Broward 25,563

Fletcher's majority

3,538

GUBERNATORIAL VOTE—1908.

Gilchrist 32,465
Stockton 33,391

Gilchrist's majority

9,074

SENATORIAL VOTE—1910.

Broward 25,780
Tallahassee 23,193

Broward's majority

3,587

PAYING TELLER
KILLS HIMSELF

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID TO MAKE
SURE OF THE JOB AND THEN
SHOT HIMSELF THROUGH THE
HEAD WITH REVOLVER.

By Associated Press.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 3.—William Hack-
ett, paying teller of the Easton Na-
tional Bank, committed suicide today
in the same way that William Coyle, a
friend, ended his life yesterday, by
taking carbolic acid and shooting him-
self in the head.

Mr. Hackett was about 40 years old
and was a member of one of the oldest
families in this section.

UNION OF TWO CHURCHES
IS DECLARED TO BE LEGAL

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3.—Union of
the Cumberland church and
the Presbyterian church of the
United States, under the latter name,
was pronounced legal in a decision
rendered by the supreme court yester-
day in the case of Philip H. Harris
and others, trustees of the First Cum-
berland church of Birmingham against
W. M. Cosby and others of the Pres-
byterian church of the United States,
from the city court of Birmingham.

The court decided that the members
of the Presbyterian church of the
United States are entitled to the use
and control of the property of the
Cumberland church in Birmingham.

"Murder Specialist" Tells How He
Administered Poison to Victims

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—Dr. Pant-
chenko, the "murder specialist" who
admits he has slain more than forty
men and women by administering
poison at the request of the victims' en-
emies, told today in his trial for
killing Count Bouturlin how he ob-
tained the germs of fatal diseases
which he used on his "subjects."

The poisoner, in connection with
Count O'Brien de Lassy, is accused of
the murder of Count Bouturlin, de
Lassy's brother-in-law. Bouturlin was

INCOMPLETE
STATE RETURNS

COUNTIES	Blount	Bryan
Alachua (complete)	786	550
Baker (complete)	72	180
Bradford	345	212
Brevard (complete)	93	196
Calhoun (complete)	211	121
Clarus (complete)	157	236
Clay (complete)	53	161
Columbia (complete)	324	282
Dade	414	641
DeSoto	178	687
Duval (complete)	1718	2859
Escambia (complete)	2832	259
Franklin (complete)	311	117
Gadsden	273	391
Hamilton (complete)	287	244
Hannibal (complete)	70	90
Hillborough (complete)	1301	1968
Holmes (complete)	402	119
Jackson (complete)	995	1079
Jefferson (complete)	230	134
Lafayette (complete)	306	66
Lake (complete)	185	329
Lee	49	244
Leon (complete)	352	223
Levy	201	283
Liberty (complete)	91	103
Madison	222	357
Manatee	287	277
Marion (complete)	351	361
Monroe (complete)	448	761
Nassau (complete)	200	328
Orange (complete)	596	493
Osceola (complete)	168	116
Pasco	313	924
Palm Beach (complete)	317	244
Polk	795	106
Putnam (complete)	421	531
Santa Rosa	146	341
St. Johns (complete)	243	236
Sumter (complete)	59	297
Suwannee (complete)	454	625
St. Lucie	499	137
Taylor	608	371
Volusia (complete)	161	95
Washington	18986	19284
Walton (complete)		
Wakulla (complete)		

Total

18986 19284

PEARY'S BILL
SHOVED ASIDE

IT IS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED
AND WILL NOT COME UP AT
THIS SESSION, ACCORDING TO
MANN OF ILLINOIS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Consideration
of the senate bill promoting Capt.
Robert E. Peary to be rear admiral
of the navy was indefinitely postponed
in the house today because of the il-
lness of Bates of Pennsylvania, who
has the measure in charge.

Mann of Illinois served notice that
the matter will probably never be
reached again at this session.

CORONER'S JURY RENDERS VER-
DICT IN CASE OF GAS EXPLO-
SION IN NEW YORK CENTRAL
POWER HOUSE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 3.—An unavail-
able accident was the verdict of nine
members of the coroner's jury which
has been hearing evidence on the
causes of the gas explosion in the
New York Central power house on De-
cember 9 last by which thirteen per-
sons lost their lives.

"The explosion was due to the neg-
ligence of the company or companies
in charge of the yards," was the find-
ing of the three other members of the
jury.

The verdict was handed in to Cor-
oner Holtzhauser early today after six
hours' deliberation by the jury. The
verdict, as rendered, served to ex-
onerate Albert Seagratt, the engineer of
the train.

NO CHOICE FOR SENATOR.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—There was no
choice for United States senator on
the fifteenth ballot today. Only 48
legislators (no quorum) voted.

RUSH TROOPS
OF CAVALRY TO
BORDER MEXICO

American Soldiers Now on
Duty There Number
About 1500.

GENERAL ORAZCO SENDS MES-
SAGE TO AMERICAN CONSUL AT
JUAREZ WARNING HIM THAT
HE INTENDS MAKING AN AS-
SAULT ON THAT CITY AND
TELLING NON-COMBATANTS TO
SEEK SAFETY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The acute
revolutionary situation along Mexico's
northern border today has moved the
American government to rush twelve
additional troops of cavalry to the
frontier to preserve the neutrality of
the United States. The action is
based upon the strong representation
from the Mexican government to the
effect that armed bands of revolution-
ists had been entering Mexico along
the border. This makes the total num-
ber of American troops along the bor-
der about 1,500.

It is understood that Mexico is con-
templating asking the United States
for permission to bring Mexican
troops from Sonora over the American
territory into Ciudad Juarez, where
the situation is now critical.

GEN. ORAZCO SAYS HE
WILL BOMBARD JUAREZ

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 3.—A mes-
senger from General Orazco, com-
manding the insurgents, threatening
Juarez, made his way into El Paso
this afternoon and bore a message
from Orazco asking that the message

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FAMOUS SOPRANO
OPERA SINGER
IS SERIOUSLY ILL

MME. MELBA
Mme. Melba, the famous soprano
opera singer, is seriously ill at the
home of friends in Paris in the Boule-
vard Malesherbes. She was attacked
by the grip, and complications have
set in.

SHEEHAN HAS INTERVIEW
WITH GOVERNOR DIX

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—William
Sheehan talked with Governor Dix to-
day concerning his candidacy for the
United States senatorship and later
left for New York. The governor said
tonight that there was no change in
the senatorial situation.

NEW LAW FOR ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3.—The bulk
sales bill, which prohibits the sale of
stocks of goods without due notice to
creditors, passed the house today. It
is in conformity with similar legisla-
tion adopted by other states.

ROOT OPPOSES
SEN. LORIMER
HOLDING SEAT

Declares His Election by the
Legislature is Tainted
With Fraud.

NEW YORK SENATOR HELD THE
UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF HIS
COLLEAGUES AS HE DISCUSSED
THE REPORT OF THE COMMIT-
TEE—TAKES POSITION THAT
THE INVESTIGATING COMMIT-
TEE WAS AT FAULT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 3.—That Senator
William Lorimer of Illinois holds his
seat as the result of bribery and on
that account should not be permitted
to continue in the senate, was the con-
clusion reached by Senator Elihu Root
and announced by him in an argument
on the floor of the senate today.

The New York senator held the un-
divided attention of his colleagues as
he discussed the report of the com-
mittee on privileges and elections by
which Mr. Lorimer was exonerated.

The position of Mr. Root in the mat-
ter had been the subject of much
speculation and so high is the esteem
in which his opinion is held that it is
known that some members of the sen-
ate have held in abeyance their own
opinions until they could hear from
him.

There was a large attendance of
senators and the galleries were well
filled.

Mr. Root spoke without notes and in
the main his address consisted of a

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RAILROAD ORDINANCE
BEFORE CITY COUNCILBORAH DEFEATS
THE OLD GUARD

HE SUCCEEDS, AFTER A HARD
FIGHT, IN GETTING RESOLU-
TION FOR ELECTION OF SENA-
TORS ON THE CALENDAR AS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 3.—After a series
of thrilling experiences Senator Borah,
supported by progressive Republicans
and Democrats, outgeneraled the old
guard Republicans and placed a resolu-
tion for the election of senators by a
direct vote on the calendar as un-
finished business of the senate, where
it must come up every day.

The moment the Lorimer case was
laid aside Nelson and Borah clamored
for recognition. Nelson got the floor
and moved to take up the bill to regu-
late the leasing of Alaskan coal lands,
which Borah promptly moved to table,
but lost. After the Alaskan bill was
up a while, Senator Warren moved to
adjourn until Monday. Here Borah
again entered the fray opposing an ad-
journment, and demanded a roll call.
This time he won. Penrose hurriedly
moved an executive session but Borah
again demanded a roll call and won.
The vote of 38 to 40 is regarded as
significant.

Those in the affirmative are regarded
as lined up against the popular elec-
tions, and vice versa. Recognizing
Borah had the votes, no further op-
position was made.

RATES ON COAL
BEFORE COURTAUGUSTA CHARGES DISCRIMINA-
TION BY THE SOUTHERN RAIL-
WAY IN FAVOR OF OTHER
CITIES OF GEORGIA.

By Associated Press.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 3.—The first of a
probable series of rate cases was heard
today by Judge Fugh of the Inter-
state Commerce Commission in the
complaint of the local Chamber of
Commerce against the Southern Rail-
way and others, charging discrimina-
tion against the Augusta rate on coal
from the Tennessee and Virginia fields,
in favor of Athens, Atlanta, Macon,
Savannah and Charleston.

The ordinance was referred back to
the franchise committee, and the prob-
abilities are that it will be put through
as rapidly as possible and will be
adopted within a very short time, so
that work on the new road can begin
promptly and without unnecessary de-
lay.

The only other business to come be-
fore the meeting last night was the
consideration of the ordinance grant-
ing a franchise to the Baylen Street
Wharf Co., for the construction of a
spur track from Main street to the
end of the Baylen street wharf. The
ordinance was unanimously adopted
and the franchise will be granted.

ARRESTS MADE
FOR EXPLOSIONLARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WHO
ARE CHARGED WITH BEING RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR DISASTER.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 3.—Efforts of the
New Jersey officials to place responsi-
bility of the explosion of dynamite
Wednesday which cost upwards of 30
lives and caused heavy property loss
resulted today in arrests on warrants
issued late last night.

The first man taken into custody
was James Healing, owner of the de-
stroyed lighter Katherine W., who ap-
peared at police headquarters in Jer-
sey City last night and gave himself
up. Others on the list for arrest are:
Louis F. Calidetta, dockmaster on pier
No. 7 of the Central of New Jersey;
A. D. Hamilton, general freight agent
of the railroad; R. A. or E. G. Morse,
assistant manager of the E. L. DuPont
DeNemours Powder Company; Fred-
erick Peters, manager of the same
company; Charles Ritter, checker on
pier No. 7; Captain Burr St. John, su-
perintendent of transportation, same
company. Hearing had admitted that
his boat had no license to carry explo-
sives but declared he never thought
one was required.

Substitute is Submitted For
Measure Applied For by
Megargel & Co.

IT IS READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
AND REFERRED BACK TO FRAN-
CHISE COMMITTEE FOR FUR-
THER REPORT—REQUIRES PRO-
MOTERS TO GIVE BOND IN SUM
OF \$10,000 FOR FAITHFUL PER-
FORMANCE OF TERMS.

That Roy C. Megargel and associates
of New York will be granted rights
and privileges in the city of Pensacola
for the purpose of building a railroad
into this city, was the sense of the
franchise committee report to the city
council last night, when that body re-
ceived and read for the first time a
substitute for the original ordinance.
The meeting of the council was a
special one for the purpose of re-
ceiving the ordinance, which had been
referred to the franchise committee,
and which had been in the hands of
that body for several weeks.

It was stated in connection with the
introduction of the ordinance that
practically all of the conditions and
terms stipulated in the ordinance had
been agreed upon between the fran-
chise committee and the promoters of
the railroad project.

MUST GIVE BOND.

The ordinance contains a clause
which requires Megargel within 45
days from the passage of the ordinance
to file his acceptance of the provisions
of the franchise, in writing, together
with an affidavit that \$100,000 has been
subscribed and paid into some reliable
bank for the purpose of constructing
the road, and also that he file a bond
of \$10,000 as a forfeit in case he fails
to comply with the conditions of the
agreement.

The ordinance further specifies that
the road must be completed for a dis-
tance of at least 90 miles within 13
months from the date of acceptance of
the franchise, and that 125 miles must
be built within three years from the
date of the acceptance.

Another of the conditions upon
which the franchise is to be granted is
that within one year a first-class pas-
senger depot, to be known as the
union depot, must be built at a suit-
able place west of Spring street.

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the franchise committee, and the prob-
abilities are that it will be put through
as rapidly as possible and will be
adopted within a very short time, so
that work on the new road can begin
promptly and without unnecessary de-
lay.

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DAVILLA ASKED
FOR MARINES

TAFT WAS DOING THE BIDDING
OF PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS
WHEN HE ORDERED TROOPS
LANDED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 3.—An explanation
of the landing of the American forces
at Puerto Cortez and undertaking to
intervene between the government
forces and insurgents with a view to
bringing about a settlement of the
troubled without bloodshed was had
today when the state department
made public the telegrams exchanged
between President Taft and President
Davilla, of Honduras, during the last
six days.

From the correspondence it appears
that Taft was simply conforming with
the wish of Davilla. Taft also in-
structed Commander Cooper of the
gunboat Marietta that he should not
permit a fight in Puerto Cortez and if
possible to arrange an armistice. The
Marietta was forced to leave on ac-
count of fever, but it is understood
that the instructions will be carried
out by Commander Davis of the Ta-
coma.

Local Option Bill is Reported
Favorably to Ala. Legislature

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3.—During
the reports of committees in the house
of representatives this morning the
Parks local option bill was reported
favorably by the temperance com-
mittee. This is the bill agreed upon by
the conference of local optionists on
Thursday night and is the first to see
the light of day after having been re-
ferred to the temperance committee.
It will come up for third reading and

final passage on Thursday of next
week.

The bill was reported with an
amendment which makes the election
laws more specific.

This bill will, by a special resolution
offered by Mr. Smith of Montgomery,
be made the special and paramount
order of business for the hour of 13
o'clock on Thursday, when the first
great battle between the local option-
ists and the prohibitionists will be on,
house of representatives will be on.

Administration Working With Canada to Reduce High Cost of Living



Washington, Feb. 3.—The new re-
ciprocity agreement between the United
States and Canada as regards the
tariff on various foods and manufac-
tures will, it is calculated by the ad-
ministration, operate to reduce the
present high cost of living. Secretary
of State Philander C. Knox and the
Canadian premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
have directed the negotiations for
their respective governments. Frank-
ly basing his argument upon the ne-
cessity of fitting the tariff to the prob-
lem of the increasing cost of living,
President Taft sent a special message
to congress urging the adoption of the
agreement, which does not take the
usual form of a treaty, but is in that
of bills which may be enacted into
law by the majority votes of congress
and parliament and the customary
executive approval. "Excluding the
element of transportation," President
Taft declared, "the price of staple food
products is much the same the world
over, and the recent increase has been
the result of a worldwide cause. But
a source of supply as near as Canada
would certainly help to prevent specu-
lative fluctuations, would steady local
price movements and would postpone
the effect of a further world increase
in the price of leading commodities
entering into the cost of living if that
be inevitable." Ninety-one per cent
of the Canadian goods imported into
the United States are affected by the
changes included in the agreement.
On the free list are put wheat and
other grains, dairy products, fresh
fruits and vegetables, fish of all kinds,
eggs and poultry and cattle, sheep and
other live animals. Mutual reduced
rates are provided for fresh meats,
canned goods, bacon and hams, can-
ned vegetables, flour, cereal prepara-
tions and partially manufactured food-
stuffs, while agricultural implements
are reduced by Canada to the United
States rates, and coal and iron ore
are put upon much lower duties. The
intention of the commissioners to re-
move all duties on print paper and
wood pulp are affected so far as was
allowed by the limitations placed on
the Dominion government by the laws
of the provinces. At Ottawa the
agreement was received in parliament
with cheers. At Washington there
was evidence that if it should not be
ratified by this congress President
Taft would call the new one in extra-
ordinary session to deal with it.